

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition comprising ~~consisting essentially of~~:

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) one or more central nervous system stimulating components selected from the group consisting of an isolated heat component of *Zingiberaceae*, and an isolated heat component of *Capsicum* ~~and an isolated heat component of *Piperaceae*~~;

wherein said heat component is at least as hot as cinerol, zingerone, zingerol, shogaol, or capsaicin, ~~or piperine~~.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

10-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:
administering a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

(A) isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof; and

(B) at least one isolated heat component of *Zingiberaceae*, or *Capsicum* ~~or~~
Piperaceae,

wherein said heat component is at least as hot as cinerol, zingerone, zingerol, shogaol,
capsaicin, or ~~piperine~~.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one
isolated heat component of ginger.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated
cinerol.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated
zingerone.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein component
~~A method for treating hypertension comprising:~~
~~administering a composition consisting essentially of:~~
~~(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an~~
~~ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or~~
~~salt thereof; and~~
(B) comprises isolated zingerol.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated shogaol.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of red pepper.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein component ([b]) B comprises isolated capsaicin.

28.-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[24]] 6, wherein component (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, and component (B) is isolated zingerol or isolated capsaicin

~~said composition consists essentially of:~~

~~(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and~~

~~B) is isolated zingerol.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[30]] 6, ~~wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof~~

which contains 0.01 – 1% of (A) and 0.005 – 0.5% of (B).

32 (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[30]] 6, where components (A) and (B) are administered as a composition which contains 0.01 – 1% of (A) which is chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and 0.005 – 0.5% of (B) which is zingerol or capsaicin.

33. (New) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition consisting essentially of:

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) one or more isolated heat components of *Zingiberaceae* and/or *Capsicum*;

wherein said isolated heat component is at least as hot as cinerol, zingerone, zingerol, shogaol, or capsaicin.

34 (New): The method of Claim 33, wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, and (B) is zingerol or capsaicin.